



## William Francis Martin

March 13, 1928 - March 16, 2012

"Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high, untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God."

And so it was for William F. Martin, Sr., known to all, as Bill, as the warmth of a spring sun climbed high in the noon sky on March 16, 2012, which was three days after his birthday. Bill Martin was born in Charlotte, North Carolina March 13, 1928 and was the son of James and Rosa Mae Westbrook Martin. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Edna Parks Martin and his son and namesake William Francis Martin, Jr. as well as a brother, Frederick Wesley Martin. Early in life, Bill knew his vocational calling was to be in aviation. He served in The United States Coast Guard and plunged headlong into his chosen career and nurtured his affection for flying. He flew for Piedmont Airlines beginning in 1952 and retired as a Senior Piedmont Captain in 1985. After retirement, he remained active in The Piedmont Silver Eagles. He was a long time member of Newnan First Baptist Church. Bill is survived by his son Craig Martin and his wife Meg of McDonough. Three grandchildren, Haley Martin, Will Martin, and Kelsey Martin were paramount in his life. Also surviving is a brother Wiley Martin of Denver, NC and a sister, Lourine Bryant of Charlotte NC. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street in Newnan

where the family will receive friends on Monday, March 19th beginning at 10:00 AM. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 AM in The McKoon Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Jerry Walker officiating. Interment will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Martin's name to either The American Heart Association or to The First Baptist Church of Newnan. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com

## Service

MAR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KD

“ I am so sorry to hear that Capt Bill has flown west. I just found out today. He was one of my favorite people. Please one of the Family members contact me. I am so sorry for your lost. Kenneth P. Duncan, Treasurer Piedmont Silver Eagles, INC. 540 Junie Beauchamp Rd. Advance, NC 27006 (336) 998-3939 (336) 414-2443 Cell (888) 501-5571 Fax [kpdduncan38@yadtel.net](mailto:kpdduncan38@yadtel.net) <http://piedmontsilvereagles.org/main.php>

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**Kenneth P Duncan** - March 31, 2012 at 03:04 PM

FF

“ CRAIG, I WAS SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR DADDY. HE WAS A GOOD MAN. HE WAS ALWAYS NICE AND FRIENDLY TO ME. NEWNAN WILL MISS HIM. MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU. SINCERELY, FRANK M. FARMER

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**FRANK FARMER** - March 21, 2012 at 10:41 AM

BR

“ Mr. Martin was one of my favorite patients! He was always picking on me about not being at my desk and made me laugh every time he came in. I always looked forward to seeing his face because I knew while he was here, there would not be a dull moment. He was truly filled with the best personality and made everyone feel wonderful. He will be greatly missed.

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**Brittany Ray** - March 21, 2012 at 08:15 AM

BA

“ To the Martin Family, We would like to send our heart felt regards. It is reassuring to know that the bible holds out a promise that death will NOT be here forever. it was not GODs purpose. A scripture of comfort is found at 1Corinthians 15:54-55 which says that "Death will be swallowed up forever", it will have no victory. It will have no sting. We sincerely hope that this gives you comfort in your time of grief. Mr Martin will be sorely missed, but his memory will live on through God. May your family have Peace!

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**Barber** - March 20, 2012 at 07:00 PM

NG

“ Will, I was so sorry to hear about your grandfather. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Nancy Goddard** - March 19, 2012 at 01:26 PM

EB

“ Craig, I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Bill. I have so many fond memories of him and your mom. They truly have a special place in heaven. I will be keeping you and your family in my prayers.

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**Ellen Haack Burgess** - March 19, 2012 at 12:30 PM

TM

“ Craig, our heartfelt condolences for you and your family. Hope all your fond memories of you Dad will help you through this loss. Tony & Kathy Marino

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**Tony & Kathy Marino** - March 19, 2012 at 08:32 AM

SH

“ I was Bill's mailman for years.He would meet me at the mailbox and tell me a FUNNY joke at least 2 times a week.that is what I will remember he most about him,his friendly ways.The second thing I will rember is his beautiful yard and how proud he was of it.i will miss you friend.

scott horne - March 19, 2012 at 08:11 AM

RO

“ Witn sencer sympathy to the Martin family . God is for us a refuge and a strength . A help to be found during difficult times. May God provide you with peace and comfort to endure the days ahead.  
Psalms 46:1 Newnan, Ga

Rosie - March 18, 2012 at 08:09 PM

PD

“ Craig so sorry about your great dad. h is a happy man now with EDna and Bill Jr.

patsy/Keith Driver - March 18, 2012 at 01:26 PM

LL

“ Craig, After reading about your Dad it is obvious that he was quite a guy, I know that you will miss him greatly. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. Larry & Sue

Larry Lee - March 18, 2012 at 11:03 AM

DD

“ CRAIG- Dorsi and I offer our Prayers, Thoughts to you and Family in this difficult time. See you soon! Dick Davis

Dick Davis - March 18, 2012 at 10:57 AM

RG

“ Craig, I am so saddened by the passing of "Strokes". What fun we used to have playing in the groups at NCC. Please know I thought of him often. Richard Glover

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**Richard Glover** - March 18, 2012 at 09:37 AM

DP

“ Craig and Family, Please accept our heartfelt thoughts and prayers on the loss of your Father. It is never easy to lose a vibrant member and backbone of one's family. It is important to remember that your Dad left you many memories. These memories are his gifts to each of your family members and while the loss is still extremely hard to bare, the memories will help the healing process. Kindest Regards, Dave and Janet Piver

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**David + Janet Piver** - March 18, 2012 at 08:06 AM

JA

“ Craig, Please know that Carol and I have you in our thoughts and prayers.

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**John Anderson** - March 18, 2012 at 12:26 AM

VP

“ Craig, I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a great man with a kind and gentle spirit. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Vicki

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**Vicki Driver Peal** - March 17, 2012 at 09:21 PM

DG

“ Craig- My wife Bobbe and I offer you and your family our condolences for the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Dan & Bobbe Garcia

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**Dan Garcia** - March 17, 2012 at 07:43 PM

RS

“ Craig, My wife and I are so sorry for your loss. It is so hard when a parent has to leave us. He will be in good hands with the Lord. It is very trying and just remember he is now in a better place and now has peace. Our thoughts are with you and family. Rick & Carolyn Schwesinger

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**Rick Schwesinger** - March 17, 2012 at 06:03 PM

RF

“ Craig, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as God leads you all through this difficult time. We know His plan is perfect both in execution and timing, though difficult in our human understanding. May the Lord bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you. Blessings, Dick and Kathy Flading

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**Richard and Kathryn Flading** - March 17, 2012 at 05:42 PM

BD

“ Craig, so very sorry about losing your dad. I know its very trying. Take care and we will see you soon. Your friend. Bob Denton

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**Bob Denton** - March 17, 2012 at 05:40 PM

PD

“ craig and fmily i'm so sorry to hear about your fathear he was a great man .

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**patsy driver** - March 17, 2012 at 01:57 PM